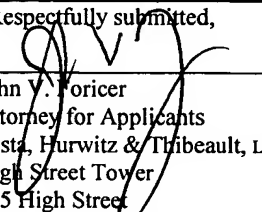


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FEE CALCULATION**1. FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
750	Utility filing fee	750.00
330	Design filing fee	
160	Provisional filing fee	

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2,520	2,520	Request for ex parte reexamination	
110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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930	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1450	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1970	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
320	160	Notice of Appeal	
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280	140	Request for oral hearing	
130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
750	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
750	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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